(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) how many households in Begusarai and adjoining areas have converted their dry latrines into pour flush latrines during the last three years under the scheme and what is the target for 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Integrated Low Cost Sanitation Scheme (ILCSS) for liberation of scavengers is being implemented by the Government. It provides for Central assistance for conversion of dry latrines into pour flush latrines with the objective of elimination of manual scavenging.

(c) So far, 9 schemes for conversion/ construction of 101729 pour flush latrines at a project cost of Rs. 26.07 crores have been sanctioned in Bihar. These schemes cover Naugachia, Mehijam, Revilganj, Masaurhi, Banmankhi Thakurganj, Giridh, Dehri, Jamui and Mahanar towns. However, no scheme has specifically been sanctioned for the town of Begusarai by HUDCO.

Rural Sanitation Programme in Bihar

1471. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Centrally sponsored rural sanitation programme is being implemented in Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any strategy has been outlined for this purpose; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Construction of individual sanitary latrines for households below the poverty line, construction of exclusive village sanitary complexes for women, intensive campagin for awareness generation and health education for creating felt need for personal, household and environmental sanitation facilities, etc. are some of the components of the programme.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Strategies outlined are:—

(i) To provide subsidy to the poorer among the households below the poverty line.

(ii) To encourage other households to buy the facilities through markets, including sanitary marts.

(iii) To launch intensive campagin in selected areas and to support such campaigns with infrastructural facilities to establish individual sanitary latrines, wherever possible.

(iv) To establish sanitary complexes exclusively for women, wherever necessary.

(v) To encourage locally suitable and acceptable models of latrines.

नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में गरीबी और बेरोजगारी निराकरण कार्यक्रम

1472. **श्री इकबाल सिंह:** क्या योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सरकार ने देश में गरीबी और बेरोजगारी की समस्या को हल करने के लिए नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में किन-किन प्रमुख कार्यक्रमों को अंतिम रूप दिया है; और

(ख) सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या आवश्यक कार्यवाही की जा रही है और तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र के० अलघ) (क) और (ख) सरकार नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना को तैयार करने की प्रक्रिया में है, नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में स्व-रोजगार और सहायक मजदूरी रोजगार कार्यक्रमों के चुने गए स्थानीय निकायों के माध्यम से लोगों की बढ़ी हुई भागीदारी सहित जारी रहने की संभावना है, सात मूलभूत न्यूनतम